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## SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

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THE Board of Publication respectfully present to the General Assembly their sixteenth Annual Report.

The performance of this duty is, by no means, a mere formality. It is a distinct recognition of the responsibility of the Board to the Assembly, and a practical exhibition of its relation to the Church at large, as the executive agency in an important department of her efforts to build up the Redeemer's kingdom, by diffusing the light of religious knowledge, and awakening the earnest spirit of religious inquiry. Although our publications cannot properly be regarded as of ecclesiastical authority, or as presenting the character of a symbolical literature, they are nevertheless to be held as expositions of the prevailing religious opinions and sentiments of our Church. While none are required to purchase them, exclusively, or placed under any disciplinary obligations to sustain the enterprise of distributing them, our people are rightly encouraged to consider their circulation and perusal as a most important subsidiary to the pulpit, and taught to believe that the truths held forth in our symbols and proclaimed in our sermons, are also faithfully and clearly published in our books and tracts.

It is, therefore, a great relief to the weighty responsibility thus devolved on those to whom the important part of publishing and disseminating such literature has been assigned, to feel that they have in the General Assembly a body ready to review their labours with kind, but just criticism, and control their purposes with gentle but firm authority.



Denominational agency in propagating as well as preserving the truth, is only consistent with a scriptural view of the Church, as a divinely constituted Missionary Society, whose great office is the preservation and propagation of the truth as it is in Jesus. Recognizing all religious organizations which maintain the fundamental doctrines of Christianity, as branches of the visible Church, we claim no exclusive privileges. We concede to others, what we maintain for our own, the right, as well as duty, to seek the attainment of our common object, the propagation of the Gospel, by denominational means. The Church aims to do this, by her testimony and her exhortations, her symbols, and her sermons, in her pulpits and halls of theological teaching, in the humbler sphere of Sabbath-schools, and Bible and Catechetical Classes, and by the firesides of her families. It will not surely be contended, that because she employs these agencies as a *Church*, the objects she seeks are only, or mainly, those of a narrow, denominational nature. Now the Board of Publication, though denominational as a means, is no more, necessarily, such as to its end, than the agencies mentioned. God ministers to his Kingdom of Grace, by his Kingdom of Providence. He has taught us in the dispensations of the latter, the power of the press, and has led his Church to use it, as one of great moral forces of the world. In adopting its agency, she uses but another medium for testifying to all men the grace of God in the Gospel of his Son. Nor does a right view of the relations of this Board to the Assembly justify the fear, that the interests of the Church may be sacrificed to an arrogant, domineering organization, deriving its support from her people and her resources, yet acknowledging no responsibility and rendering no account to her courts. For safety and efficiency in this department of Christian enterprise, we doubt whether a wiser plan could be devised, however susceptible of improvement this may be, in its practical operation; and the confidence and support of the churches, at once the cause and effect of its gratifying success, furnish a pledge for its enduring and enlarging con-

tributions, to sustain the interests of truth and righteousness throughout our land and the world.

This Report is properly arranged under three leading subjects. Two of these correspond to the departments of service committed to the Board—the publication of works to promote sound learning and true religion, and their distribution by colporteurs. The other relates to the pecuniary interests involved in this service.

## I. PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT.

### PUBLISHING AGENT'S REPORT.

The Publishing Agent reports that during the year ending March 31, 1854, the Board have published 16 new books, one of which is in the German language. Of these books, there have been printed 38,250 copies.

They have also added to their Catalogue 9 tracts in 12mo, and 1 in 18mo, of which have been printed 26,000 copies. They have also printed 25,000 copies of the Presbyterian Family Almanac. Total copies of new books and tracts, 89,250.

The reprints of former publications during the year, amount to 506,500 copies. Total amount of copies published during the year, 595,750.

#### LIST OF NEW BOOKS, FROM MARCH 31, 1853, TO MARCH 31, 1854. Catalogue

No.

326. *The Flower Transplanted and the Blind Boy.* 32mo. Price 7, 10 and 14 cents. 4000 copies.

327. *The Short Prayer, and the Text of Easy Words.* 32mo. Price 7, 10 and 14 cents. 4000 copies.

Two small Sabbath-school books, simple in language, and attractive in matter.

328. *The Well-watered Plains*, or instructive Lessons from the History of Lot. By H. N. Brinsmade, D. D. 18mo. Price 16 and 22 cents. 2000 copies.

Here the striking incidents in the life of Lot are interwoven with judicious and forcible instructions, calculated at once to interest and improve.

337. *The Youth's Visitor*, or Selections in Prose and Verse from the Presbyterian Sabbath-school Visitor. With numerous engravings. Square 16mo. Price 45 and 50 cents. 2000 copies.

A bouquet composed of the choicest flowers culled from the first volume of the Sabbath-school Visitor.

347. *The Infant Reader*, or easy Lessons in Reading for little Boys and Girls. Square 16mo. Price 30, 35 and 45 cents. 2000 copies.

An admirable help to parents and teachers in instructing their infant charge.



352. *The Children of the Bible.* Square 16mo. Price 20 and 25 cents. 2000 copies.  
Containing pleasing accounts of Moses, Samuel, Josiah, Timothy, and others, more profitable, and not less attractive, than fictitious narratives.
353. *Letters to a Recent Convert.* By a Pastor. 18mo. Price 16 and 22 cents. 2000 copies.  
Containing seasonable cautions and counsels to a young Christian, on several important points of Christian character.
354. *The Right and Left-hand Blessings of God.* Designed as a Cure of Covetousness. By the Rev. N. West, D. D. 18mo. Price 16 and 22 cents. 2000 copies.  
If any representation of duty founded on the word of God is able to make the church bountiful, this will do it. It is plain, practical, and directly to the point.
355. *The Faithful Mother's Reward.* A Narrative of the Conversion and happy Death of J. P. B., who died in the 10th year of his age. With an Introduction, by the Rev. Charles Hodge, D. D. 18mo. Price 40 and 45 cents. 3500 copies.  
This is acknowledged to be one of the most interesting and instructive memorials of maternal fidelity and youthful piety to be found in the English language.
356. *The Waldenses.* Sketches of the Evangelical Christians of the Valleys of Piedmont, with illustrative engravings on wood. 12mo. 1500 copies.  
The first edition of this splendid work having been sold in a few months, a new edition, in cheaper form, has been ordered. The cost of the stereotype plates and the engravings having been defrayed by a generous friend of the Board; the work will be put at an unusually low price.
357. *Remember Lot.* By the Rev. J. C. Ryle. 32mo. Price 6 and 12 cents. 4000 copies.
358. *Why will ye Die?* An Expostulation with Self-destroyers. By the Rev. W. J. M'Cord. 18mo. Price 15 and 20 cents. 3000 copies.  
These two works, of kindred character, breathe the earnest, affectionate importunity of hearts deeply affected with a sense of the value of the soul, and the imminent danger of the impenitent.
360. *Remains of Rev. Richard Cecil,* with a view of his Character. By Josiah Pratt. 18mo. Price 35 and 40 cents. 1000 copies.  
A truly suggestive book for thinkers, and an excellent summary of Gospel truths, pleasantly and instructively spoken.
361. *The Story of Nineveh,* its Greatness and Ruins. Square 16mo. Price 15 cents. 2000 copies.  
A Bible story, with illustrations from Bible History and Geography, and Oriental Travel and Discovery.
362. *The Justified Believer—his Security, Conflicts and Triumph.* By W. B. Mackenzie, A. M. 12mo. Price 35 cents.  
A most excellent summary of doctrinal and practical truth on the great subject of Justification by Faith, and a complete antidote to the false teachings of Popery and Puseyism on this subject.

## IN GERMAN.

Gedanken über religiöse Erfahrung, von Rev. Archibald Alexander.

Dr. Alexander's Thoughts on Religious Experience, translated into German, by the Rev. F. Steins. 12mo. Price 60 and 75 cents. 1250 copies.

## NEW 12mo. TRACTS.

- No. 157. Too late, or the Danger of Delay, illustrated in two striking Incidents. pp. 16. 2000 copies.
158. Conversion and Character of Col. Wm. Yeadon. By the Rev. Thomas Smyth, D. D. pp. 28. 2000 copies.
159. The Bible the Basis of Moral Character. A Tract for young Men. By the Rev. D. Elliott, D. D. pp. 16. 2000 copies.
160. The College Student, or how to promote a Revival of Religion. pp. 20. 2000 copies.
161. Shall I go to the Lord's Supper? or the Duty and Privilege of making a public Profession of Religion. By the Rev. Jonathan Greenleaf. pp. 12. 4000 copies.
162. The Cross. By the Rev. J. C. Ryle. pp. 28. 2000 copies.
163. Infant Membership secured by the Abrahamic Covenant. By the Rev. N. Hoyt, D. D. of Athens, Ga. pp. 24. 2000 copies.
166. Is your Pastor supported? An Address to the Churches connected with the Synod of Philadelphia. pp. 20. 2000 copies.
167. Church Attachment and Sectarianism. By the late Samuel Miller, D. D. pp. 8. 2000 copies.

## NEW 18mo. TRACT.

Popery against Common School Education, in four Letters to Bishop O'Connor and Gov. Bigler. By M. W. Jacobus, D. D. pp. 88. 6000 copies.

The Board have also published a new edition of the "Confession of Faith" from new stereotype plates, corrected after the standard European edition, and with several typographical improvements.

Also an edition of the Psalms and Hymns in 18mo. size, from new stereotype plates.

The type of the 64mo. edition of the Psalms and Hymns having been found too small even for the eyes of the young, the work will soon be issued in a somewhat larger type, still retaining the advantage of a pocket volume.

It will be observed that the number of new publications does not equal that of last year. This has been owing to some unavoidable delay in preparing for the press several works, most of which are now in the printer's hands. It has not, however, been regarded by us so essential to the right performance of our duties to multiply *new* books, as to multiply those which are of acknowledged worth. We could easily and rapidly swell our catalogue in number, though we might diminish it in quality. Adhering to the policy often approved by the Assembly, and to which we owe much of the confidence of the Church, we shall continue most carefully to scrutinize the character of all the publications we issue.

The larger part of the books named in the foregoing list,



as well as of those now in course of publication, are specially adapted to children and youth. On this department of religious literature, most pressing considerations urge us to bestow great diligence. We may condemn the morbid taste of the day for the pages of a fascinating and often corrupting light literature. We may mourn the extensive prevalence and rapid increase of the ephemeral productions of writers, who minister, with such prodigality of quantity and such penury of quality, to the insatiable demands of perverted mental and depraved moral appetites. We may endeavour to divert those who seek pleasurable intellectual, or moral excitement, from drinking out of streams drugged with poison to the heart, and redolent of the fumes of vicious passions, and lead them to seek the purer fountains and invigorating waters of the river of life. But, ordinarily, our efforts will be in vain, and our regrets prove futile. The evils of an unsanctified, godless, and licentious literature provide for their own growth, both by ministering to the naturally deteriorating propensities of human nature, and like other unnatural stimulants, by enhancing desire with each gratification. As the age which tolerated the waltz has been succeeded by one on whose taste the lasciviousness of the polka has palled, so that which delighted in the romances of the present school of English polite literature has been followed by a generation of readers, which turns from the insinuating infidelity and licentiousness of prostitute presses, to revel in the stupidities and vulgarities of tales, unenlivened by wit, and as devoid of the semblance, as destitute of the probabilities, of truth. Under the renewing power of the divine Spirit, the Ethiopian colour of sin may be extracted, and the leopard spots of its leprosy be removed; but otherwise it is useless to expect that we can displace immoral books by offering those of a virtuous character. The sinful love of such productions, formed in early life, like all other sinful propensities, increases with age, or only changes its food from bad to worse. "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." As youth is nurtured, so will manhood ripen.



Children and young persons whose early lessons have been taught through the means of highly coloured misrepresentations of life, either good or bad, in the vain endeavour to strew the path of virtue with the roses of romance, and lead the erring to right ways by overwrought delineations which excite the sensibilities without instructing the moral faculties, will most probably grow up with insatiable appetites for the *rare*, whether in the fields of light or the shadows of darkness, and reach maturity with imaginations unchastened by reason, and emotions unregulated by principle, the sport of impulses unchecked by judgment, and the victims of passions unbridled by piety. It must be remembered that books, with all the characteristics of romances, in plot, intrigue, adventure, mysteries, revelations, pleasing and sad disappointments, with heroes and heroines, the impersonations of purity or incarnations of malice, may be prepared, in which boys and girls figure for men and women; and religious subjects, the most solemn and touching, take place of the ordinary trifles of secular books. If our children are supplied with such, it will require no great powers of foresight to predict the disastrous results to which we have briefly alluded. The province of human law is to restrain and punish vice. The nobler, wiser, surer plan of the Divine economy, is to prevent its rise and growth. We feel increasing confidence in the wisdom of imitating the latter, in our efforts to turn off from our Church and country the destructive streams of corrupting literature. One of the first duties of the Church is to take care of her children, and in performing that part of this duty, with which we are entrusted, we shall continue with the most watchful caution to guard our press from the pernicious influences of an indiscriminate use of fiction. We see no call to depart from our well established and often approved policy, and much in the present state of the country and the Christian world, together with the considerations already adduced, to confirm us in its propriety.

Pictures are embellishments of whose entertaining and

instructive character none doubt; and when calculated for producing correct impressions of facts, and also exerting a good moral influence, are recognized to be not only legitimate, but highly desirable modes of imparting useful truth in an agreeable and entertaining manner. Childhood greets the picture with instinctive delight, and turns from the unembellished, however soundly true, pages of the printless primer, with avidity, to lay hold on the book whose lids enclose the beautiful works of the artist. It is thus we illustrate our views of such fiction as is not only harmless, but may be useful; such writings as might be used to describe the scenes, or impress the truths, which pictures may properly be employed to effect.

Few kinds of books exert a greater influence on the minds and hearts of the young, than well-written biography. It should not be the biography of children or young persons exclusively. On the contrary, as the young expect to grow up to maturity, the most instructive and permanently useful are biographies of adults. To forestall evil with good, and train the minds of our children to right thoughts, as well as right modes of thinking, we must set before them copies, in whose imitation their own characters will grow, in moral beauty, as "stones polished after the similitude of a palace." As God gives, in his providence, a few instances of children and youth, early blooming and early fading, we may well place the portraits of such in our gallery; but as he gives only a few, we should rather seek well-written biographies of men and women, from childhood and youth to maturity and age, exhibiting the formative influences which shape character and control destiny. The power exerted in the world by the lives of Martyn and Baxter, Howard and Washington, Henry and Scott, Knox and Calvin, Newton and Newell, can never be fully known in time. The history of our Church is rich in materials for such biographies, and we have already made a beginning in securing them for our purpose.

For our youth, too, we need more Scripture biography and history. We do not intend to offer the precious drops



of the water of life diluted with the muddied streams of human imagination, nor the grains of gold beaten into acres of foil, but seek to present the simple facts of Scripture narrative, accompanied by illustrations drawn from its descriptions of manners and scenery, and the results of Oriental research and discovery.

Another important department of literature for our youth, in which we have made arrangements for increasing our publications, is that of Missionary biography and narrative. The Missionary work is emphatically **THE WORK** of the Church. Our labours are, when properly estimated, in a most important degree subsidiary to this work. It is an enterprise which is well calculated to exert a most happy reacting influence on the Church. By biographies of missionaries, descriptions of heathen life, illustrations of the calamities which sin, unchecked by God's word and Spirit, has brought upon man, and representations of the blessings which a true faith, planted by missionary labours, has imparted, with plain narratives of the real trials and self-denials of missionary life, our youth may be trained to right views of this, and thus of all Christian enterprises, of which it is the leader and promoter, which the necessities of its plans call into being, or the results of its efforts seem to develope.

With the constantly increasing facilities for circulating our publications, we desire greatly to increase the number and variety of those on practical subjects, setting forth the duties and privileges of Christian life, and the admonitions and guides to the wayward and erring, which so greatly aid pastoral efforts to train God's sons and daughters for heaven, awaken the careless, warn the impenitent, and lead inquiring souls to Christ. We desire that the publications of the Church shall be a fair exposition of the teachings of her pulpits. We do not lose sight of the importance of supplying works on the doctrines and order of our Church, both for the instruction of our own people, and for removing the prejudices of ignorance and correcting the misrepresentations of designing error. But we think it equally

desirable all may be led to feel, that however much we seek to train men to be Presbyterians, in principle as well as profession, we equally desire to teach them to be Christians, intelligent in faith and consistent in life. It is not only proper, but it is a most solemn duty, resting on all, conscientiously receiving our system of faith and order, to extend the knowledge of our principles, as the knowledge of what we believe God has taught. But our Church must do this, under higher, nobler motives, than the narrow-minded desire to propagate the peculiarities of a poor, petty party in the contests of sectarianism. Calvinism, as a system, never comes so well prepared to carry conviction to the heart, as well as to the intellect, as when mingled, as the Bible mingles its propositions, with the great facts and doctrines of a common Christianity. Never does it appear so divinely authenticated, as when its consistency, as a scheme of doctrine, with the assured teachings of experimental religion, is unfolded to the mind: when all its soul-humbling, pride-subduing declarations are discovered to be in harmony with the awakening, convincing and converting truths of the Divine Word, sealed by the power of the Divine Spirit. There is no Calvinism like the Calvinism of the cross. The great bulk of the soundest theology, the most discriminating exposition of Scripture, and especially the practical divinity, the theology for the fireside and the closet, which the world possesses, have been the contribution of Calvinistic minds and hearts. We owe it to the world, as the largest branch of the Presbyterian family, we owe it to the affiliated Churches, which hold so much in common with us, differing far less than agreeing, we owe it to ourselves, in justice to our principles, our history and our hopes; above all, we owe it to our common Christianity, and the cause of a common King and Saviour, to reproduce and multiply books, which, eviscerated of Calvinism, lose half their power for permanent influence on man, to circulate to every corner of our land the truth, which waked a world from the stupor of a superstition centuries old, to imbue every mind, accessible to our agency, with the knowledge of "the



whole counsel of God." Thus shall we fulfil the design of those who founded this Institution, that for which it is more than ever needed, that in which it stands forth before the world, at once the exponent and representation of our Church and of the Bible, and that which forms the characteristic element of its constitution, when finally organized by the Assembly to publish "approved works in support of the great principles of the Reformation," and "such, permanent and periodical, as are adapted to promote sound learning and true religion."

The popularity and success of the "Presbyterian Psalmist," has surprised even the sanguine projectors of the enterprise. An urgent call has been made on the Board, by several highly respected and influential ministers and other persons, for an edition of the Psalmist in patent notes. Without distrusting our own judgment in the premises, we should feel strengthened in any course we might be led to adopt, by having the deliberately formed and clearly expressed opinions of the Assembly. Connected with this, and presenting an enterprise from which we augur the most desirable fruit, is the purpose, as soon as practicable, to prepare an abridgment of the Psalmist for the uses of family worship, with a system of instruction adapting the work to the use of juvenile music classes.

#### PERIODICALS.

THE HOME AND FOREIGN RECORD.—The circulation of this organ of the Boards has increased from eleven to fifteen thousand copies during the ecclesiastical year. This increase has taken place especially since the December number, which announced the modification of the terms. In the prompter payment of subscribers, and by the assurances of many reliable friends, we feel justified in ascribing a part, at least, of the increase to an awakening interest in many parts of the country, to the important contents of the paper. We believe its more extended circulation vastly important to the excitement and promotion

of a healthy spirit of systematic benevolence in our churches. The present number of subscribers would more than defray the expenses of publishing the "Record," were all, or even the greater part, punctual in payment of subscriptions. Owing to failures in this respect heretofore, it has been an expense. Though the prospects for the future are more encouraging, we are not without fears that it may continue to be a tax on the treasuries of the Boards.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL VISITOR.—Seldom has the General Assembly adopted a more important resolution, than that which gave existence to this paper for the children and youth of our Church. It is well described by its name, a *Sabbath-School Visitor*. Its matter, both selected and contributed, is strictly religious. Without sacrificing solidity to a simplicity, which makes no demands of intellect, it continues to present the most useful and solemn truths in a style well adapted to engage the attention, and arrest the affections of the young. Distinctively Presbyterian, it does not cease to be eminently evangelical. Adults read it with pleasure and profit, and many have accorded to it an estimate of the highest grade, as a paper adapted to all. Its circulation last year was reported to be 41,000 copies. This included the names of many who were not actual subscribers. There has been no increase of circulation, but the number of subscribers is now greater than it was last year. By our statistics there are 76,000 families connected with our Church, and perhaps, in truth, the number exceeds 100,000. The circulation of this paper will not be what it deserves and ought to be, till it equals the number of families. Scripture, experience, observation, in short, all sources of instruction and information on such topics, most loudly exhort us to take care for the right training of the young. Were the question now to be settled whether this mode of imparting religious information is in itself desirable, there might be some honest diversity of opinion, and some very strong reasons in the negative might be given. But such is not now the question. The men of



this world have already anticipated the Church in this mode of caring for children, and other religious institutions are zealously pressing attractive periodicals for youth into our Sabbath-Schools and families. We do not desire to abridge the efforts, as we do not deny the right, of the secular press to circulate useful secular knowledge among our young countrymen, by periodicals of irreproachable moral tone. On the contrary, we sincerely wish success to every proper method of diffusing such knowledge. Nor do we fear rivalries conducted on fair principles. We are moved by no emulations when we express the conviction, that the Presbyterian Church is bound to provide for her own children the knowledge which maketh wise to salvation, by the periodical as well as permanent press. She should carefully imbue their minds, and pre-occupy their hearts with those opinions and sentiments which will lead them to a right estimate of her doctrines and order. The weekly, or semi-monthly, or monthly sheet may be made the medium of training them to prefer that which is solid, substantial, and really valuable in the formation of character, to that which is merely illustrative of well known fundamentals, or amusing to minds ever insatiably keen in the pursuit of something new and entertaining.

We are pleased to state that although during the first two years of its existence, the Visitor was a charge on our resources, it has now become self-sustaining. Still, in every respect, its increased circulation is important, and every additional subscriber facilitates the means of gratuitous distribution to those who will gladly receive as a gift, what they are unable otherwise to procure.

## II. THE COLPORTEUR ENTERPRISE.

This branch of service is every year increasing in interest, and opening before the Church most pleasing prospects of great and permanently beneficial results to the cause of truth and righteousness.

The following tabular statement exhibits the details of the work performed during the year :

NAMES OF COLPORTEURS.	FIELDS.	Days of Labour.	No. of Vols. sold.	No. Vols. given away.	No. pages of Tracts given away.	No. of Families Visited.	No. of Families conversed or prayed with.	No. of Families without religious books.	Number of Families without the Confession of Faith.	REMARKS.
Allen Frazier, William McLeod, James Millar, William A. Dickey, John Falkner,	NOVA SCOTIA.	138 248 210 60 90	850 1030 2346 300 387	20 43	1,100 1,950 2,700	1200 1191 2132 330 506	100 60 18 277 80	36 132 14	100 60 320 140 140	
Andrew Kennedy,	CANADA WEST.	84	563	12	8,415	140				
J. H. Mathers, A. R. Hamilton, J. C. Graham,	MAINE. Valley of the Kennebeck. Bath. Cumberland county.	28 22 115	145 120 1240		4,000 8,100 12,640	130 105 1380				
H. D. Chapin, Alfred Phillips,	NEW HAMPSHIRE. Hillsboro' county. Manchester.	9 28	337 194	41 2	3,132 1,800	203 340	1			
James Blakeslee, Daniel Rigby, Egbert Roosa, William McElwee, E. S. Bronson, Do.	NEW YORK. Tompkins and Broome counties. Steuben county. Chemung county. Sullivan county. Do.	38 57 253 35 111	260 456 1211 281 713	7 97 272 25 153	3,214 2,202 20,154 4,780 11,274	600 2493 200 604 191	300 731 30 16	15 29 5 3	29 8	
Abel Caldwell, P. L. De St. Croix & Agt. Samuel Robinson, Justus Pfarrer, J. McFarland,	King's county. Buffalo. Union Centre, &c. Schoharie county. New York City. Washington county.	18 360 256 88 105 20	299 4192 1843 502 178 551	42 6 30 12 3	6,270 31,724 25,450 5,174 174	2167 1329 1410 506	332 825 830 203	6 16 2 10	94 80	



L. R. Lockwood, Edwin R. Hill, John Moase, Ambrose Eggleston, J. H. Seymour, William Shiell, W. Goodell, A. B. Pratt, Ariel J. Cady, G. W. Wilson,	26 60 36 152 14 10 33 22	69 356 142 794 197 96 350 198	5 73 20 99 49 5 10 13	5,400 532 4,266 4,000 1,338 5,268 8,020 2,000	193 514 461 261 192 73 300	17 67 391 261 46 250	5 12 4 5	1 6						
Recently app'd.														
NEW JERSEY. Perth Amboy. Essex county. do. Monmouth county.	39 105	225 1251	5 6	200 24,435	191 1704	100 39	5 2	20 63						
No Report. Recently app'd.														
PENNSYLVANIA. Mifflin county. Philadelphia county. Wilkesbarre, Franklin county. Perry county. Clinton county. Columbia county. Do. and Luzerne. York county. Pike, Monroe, and Northampton. Sullivan and Bradford. Centre and Clearfield. Lancaster county. Philadelphia county. Chester county. Huntingdon county.	33 52 30 35 150 168	528 62 446 495 1300 1560 156 82 721 1704 774 330 115 82 262 230	18 56 70 14 130	11,500 3,209 8,990 26,254 23,012	500 300 150 807 1535	120 100 40 89 795	10 40 33	10						
S. J. Milliken, John T. Baldasari, Edwin Bronson, William McElwee, George Powell, Alexander McCormick, G. W. Newell, (vol'y.) John Patton, Jr. Abel Kirkwood, J. H. Stewart, F. D. Fowler, William Clarke, J. S. Downing, R. A. Renz, Benjamin Milnes, William Campbell,	18 40 151 97 30 18 36 20 33	18 82 721 1704 774 330 115 82 262 230	18 56 70 14 130	1,360 5,333 18,891 18,530 12,880 414 680 8,000 37	126 264 2004 787 165 125 956 80 56	19 39 80 138 26 106 1 37	8 1 20 2 1	18 73 7 26 3 7 2 20						
MARYLAND. Baltimore.									102	285	14	790	262	37
John Shearer														

NAMES OF COLPORTEURS.	FIELD.	Days of Labour.	No. of Vols. sold.	No. Vols. given away	No. Pages of Tracts given away.	No. of Families Visited.	No. of Families converted or prayed with.	No. of Families without religious books.	Number of Families without the Confession of Faith.	REMARKS.
John H. Wallace, Harvey Gamble,	VIRGINIA. Abingdon. Wheeling.	86 40	676 179	75 9	1,200 4,890	522 357	180 137	10	4 14	
Enos Scroggs, J. W. Shive, A. Graham, William Cochran, John G. Nesbit, Stephen White, Moses White, Francis Falsk, S. G. Smith, James Hood, M. McLeod, J. A. McLean,	NORTH CAROLINA. Cherokee county. Guilford county. Onslow, Carteret, &c. Rowan county. Mecklenburg county. Orange county. Buncombe county, &c. Robeson county. Caswell county. Cabarras county, &c. Bladen county. Rowan county.	116 68 217 160 166 157 191 85 217 44 76 128	649 397 1317 670 795 713 1142 760 1018 399 490 790	28 15 79 27 107 174 45 36 210 74 60 295	16,280 5,000 13,946 3,663 8,000 7,890 12,453 4,321 10,142 6,312 9,762	250 541 921 483 250 325 629 303 243 172 263 587	45 26 542 35 30 119 60 63 6 18 155 246	9 1 33 8	6 7 3 5 17 6	
C. J. Silliman, Robert McLees, James A. Cousar, William Wilson, William B. Robinson, William Y. McCreight,	SOUTH CAROLINA. Presbytery of Bethel.  Chesterfield county and Charleston. Union and Chester counties. York, Chester, and Union. GEORGIA. Macomb.	35 87 15 365 185 55 13	250 789 311 3172 2423 415 171	30 101 470 146 83	9,440 7,820 3,407 22,938 8,718 1,736 387	87 596 1740 1061 354 45	25 53 252 22 5 39	21 13 1 2	27 54 20 11	



OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.										19
John Love, S. H. Burns, A. Shotwell, J. P. McMillan, W. H. Cooper, John E. Gillespie, T. S. Davidson, T. E. Smith, J. Y. Alexander,	Union county. FLORIDA.	595	3072	882	25,008	2419	430	20	30	{ Report'd thro' J.Y. Alexan- der, local Su- perintend't.
G. B. Davis, J. H. Parmelee, A. W. Sproull, (volunt'y,)	ALABAMA. Lauderdale, &c. Sumpter and adjacent. MISSISSIPPI. Lafayette county.	180	1260	85	5,900	708	66		19	No Report.
W. H. Arnell, A. N. Carrigan, David Gaillard, John Davidson,	LOUISIANA. North-West Louisiana. TEXAS. Eastern Texas.	60	530	22		300	50		10	Rep'td in Tenn.
Allen Sloan, Job Hobbs, J. T. Case, (voluntary.) J. M. Ewing, Drury H. Lett,	ARKANSAS. KENTUCKY. Henry county. Shelby county.	227	3415	191	15,602	714	300	114	93	
Samuel McCullough, David Thompson, James Hendron,		14	60		9,910					
		92	780	19	7,500	322	110	53	3	
		142	481	111	4,630	236	150	36	20	
		105	747	152	24,475	773	106	79	14	
		49	299	21	2,050	86	3			{ Rec'tly app'd.

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James Graham,	MICHIGAN.	66	279	96	5,704	415	194	31	28	Recently app'd.
W. H. Arnell,	Shiawassee county.									
J. M. Flinn,	TENNESSEE.									
William M. Campbell,	Maury, Marshall, &c.	240	1774	359	17,600	644	269	11	19	
William Thompson,	Shelby county.	360	1610	71	21,768	468	189		16	
E. L. Mathes, (vol'y.)	Jefferson county.	180	540	111	10,000					
J. T. McBride,	Calhoun county, &c.	11	217	8	97	38	3	1		
	Washington county.		80	8	290	4				
	Hawkins county.									
W. C. Hollyday,	OHIO.									
J. R. White,	Sidney Presbytery.	5	77		1,100				1	
J. M. Kirkpatrick,	Muskingum county.	72	283	28	300	81	35	13	6	
James P. Smith,	Guernsey county.	360	2530	64	8,150	624	232	51	33	
Cyrus Higley,	Holmes county, &c.	259	1639	244	17,530	952	421	2	33	
J. T. Milligan,	Meigs county.	122	324	10	2,548	285	45		15	
J. A. Holtzman,	Richland and Ashland.	130	1158	44	1,378	214	91	12	3	
W. H. Winegardner,	Fairfield county.	65	255	31	7,339	195	65			
S. T. Riggs,	Lawrence county.	45	203	43	5,300	251	75	46	21	
	Columbiana county, &c.									
	IOWA.									
Joseph Swan,	Presbytery of Des Moines, &c.	164	1067	54	15,500	1062	100	30	39	
David Wills,	Do.	228	1444	325	8,803	1050	228	66	67	
S. F. Glenn,	Jackson county.	90	390	27	10,000					
F. H. Wilson,	INDIANA.									
James Hendron,	Cass county and adjacent.	52	944	52	9,500	867	9		9	
J. C. Allen,	South Hanover.	21	538	37						
S. Patterson,	Presbytery of Madison.		51	50						



NAME.	AGE.	EDUCATION.	RELIGION.	PROPERTY.	INCOME.	STATUS.
Gibson and adjacent. Wells, Blackford, &c. Lawrence and Orange. Union county. Jefferson county. Montgomery and Putnam counties. Fayette. Switzerland.	73 168 12	417 978 185	20 273 12	6,000 4,171 3,254	1350 293 38	1 6 No Report. Recently appointed.
ILLINOIS.						
Knox county.		293	39	850	970	21
Jo Davis, &c., counties.	162	666	142	25,832	269	61
McHenry, Kane, &c.	39	378	17	9,860	156	55
McHenry.	99	878	73	1,695	427	4
Washington and Perry.	107	1193	91	8,739	29	13
Marshall county.	135	950	30	13,000	1097	41
Charleston.						No Report.
Clark and Crawford.						"
Edgar and Coles.						"
St. Clair and adjacent.						"
MISSOURI.						
Weston and vicinity.	26	241	16	1,750	269	9
Platte county.	25	102	22	836	123	
St. Louis and adjacent.	360	4131	414	10,240	1833	45
Presbytery of Upper Missouri.	166	653	3	6,961	496	18
WISCONSIN.						
Columbus county.	315	2031	317	5,275	1127	
NORTHERN INDIA.		300		3,028		
J. H. Morrison, (vol'y.)						

## SUMMARY OF THE FOREGOING TABLES.

STATES, &c.	NUMBER OF COLPORTEURS EMPLOYED.	Time employed.	Volumes sold.	Volumes given.	Pages of Tracts given.	Families visited.	Fam's conversed with or prayed with.	Fam's without Religious books.	Fam's without the Confession of Faith.	REMARKS.
Nova Scotia.	5	746	4913	82	6,545	5359	455	182	620	
Canada West.	1	84	563	12	8,415	140	80		140	
Maine.	3	165	1505	35	24,740	1615	150			
New Hampshire.	2	37	531	43	4,932	543	1			
New York.	22	1800	13013	956	150,599	12024	4425	92	324	
New Jersey.	4	145	1476	11	24,635	1895	139	7	83	
Pennsylvania.	16	911	8847	625	139,090	7855	1553	103	282	
Maryland.	1	102	285	14	790	262	37			
Virginia.	2	126	855	84	6,090	879	317	10	18	
North Carolina.	12	1625	9140	1150	97,769	4967	1345	146	98	
South Carolina.	6	742	7360	830	54,059	3838	357	37	112	
Georgia.	15	608	3243	882	25,395	2464	469	20	30	
Florida.	2	180	1260	85	5,900	708	66		19	
Alabama.	1	60	530	22		300	50		10	
Mississippi.	1	227	3415	191	15,602	714	300	114	93	
Louisiana.	1	14	60		9,910					
Texas.	5	339	2008	282	36,605	1331	366	168	37	
Arkansas.	1	49	299	21	2,050	86	3			
Kentucky.	2									No Report.
Michigan.	1	66	279	96	5,704	415	194	31	28	
Tennessee.	1	791	4221	557	49,755	1154	461	12	35	
Ohio.	6	1058	6469	464	38,345	2602	964	124	112	
Iowa.	9	482	2901	406	34,303	2112	328	96	107	
Indiana.	3	1052	6896	1569	42,248	5692	1355	286	58	
Illinois.	14	542	4358	392	59,976	4931	958	133	62	
Missouri.	10	577	5127	455	19,787	2721	441	42	72	
Wisconsin.	4	315	2031	317	5,275	1127	540			
Northern India.	1		300		3,028					
	151	12,843	91,885	9,581	871,547	57,704				



We present a summary of results, in a more convenient form, for inspection :

1. Whole number of Colporteurs in commission, 151. Of whom *one* was in India, *six* in the British Provinces, *three* in Maine, *two* in New Hampshire, *twenty-two* in New York, *four* in New Jersey, *sixteen* in Pennsylvania, *one* in Maryland, *two* in Virginia, *twelve* in North Carolina, *six* in South Carolina, *fifteen* in Georgia, *two* in Florida, *one* in Alabama, *one* in Mississippi, *one* in Louisiana, *five* in Texas, *one* in Arkansas, *two* in Kentucky, *one* in Michigan, *six* in Tennessee, *nine* in Ohio, *three* in Iowa, *fourteen* in Indiana, *ten* in Illinois, *four* in Missouri, and *one* in Wisconsin ; or 144 distributed in 25 States of the Union.

2. Distribution of books. Sales 91,885 volumes. Gifts 9,581 volumes. To which add 28,000 volumes distributed by the Synods of Pittsburgh (23,000) and Virginia (5,000), and 6,517 included in the report of donations ; the total is 135,983 volumes.

3. Distribution of Tracts. By our Colporteurs, 871,547 pages. By the Synods of Pittsburgh (25,000) and Virginia (23,000)—48,000, and included in the report of donations 381,000 ; making a total of 1,300,547 pages.

4. Families visited, 65,734 ; and 2,451 in Synod of Pittsburgh ; total, 68,185.

5. Presbyterian families without the Confession of Faith, 2,340.

6. Families without any religious book except the Bible, 1,603.

7. Time spent by Colporteurs, 41 years and a few days.

Not to detain the Assembly with extracts from the Reports of the humble and pious men who are employed as agents of the Church, in scattering the leaves of healing among the destitute and spiritually needy, we will summarily present their testimony on some of the most prominent aspects of the work.

1. *The adaptation of this enterprise to the wants and character of our countrymen.*

With all the causes we may have for just self-gratulation on our national intelligence, energy and thrift, we have constantly most painful evidences of the prevalence of very crude and incorrect views on religious subjects, among many otherwise intelligent, and even some professedly, and we trust really pious persons. Such do not generally attend the preaching of the Gospel; or if they do, do not frequent those places in which a full gospel system is expounded. They are either unwilling to converse with ministers, or diffident in expressing their real opinions, cavils, and difficulties. Yet we find that when our colporteurs meet with such persons, they are not averse to religious conversation. The tracts and books which are offered often lead the way to useful discussions. They feel that the colporteur is in the position of an equal in respect of the distinctions which education or profession induces. Such persons, though negligent of the sanctuary, are not always entirely apathetic on religious subjects. It is true, that frequently their inquiries and discussions, like those of the woman of Samaria, are rather concerning the non-essentials and the hard places of Scripture, controversial and speculative in bearing. Yet by these very channels the truth which makes wise to salvation often enters their minds, as it did hers. Our colporteurs encounter Unitarians and Universalists, Pelagians and Socinians, Deists and Infidels, as well as less pernicious errorists. By reading extracts from the Confession of Faith, tracts and other books, expository of the doctrines of grace as held by Calvinistic churches, they enlighten the ignorant, silence the foolish, and satisfy the honest inquirer.

This mode of disseminating truth is pre-eminently a charity to the poor. In the newly settled and many other comparatively destitute portions of our country, there are hundreds who are cut off from access to the ordinary means of grace. Our Colporteurs often find rough fare and rough roads, but seldom rough people. With the hospitality which is a characteristic of the virtuous poor, they are welcomed



to houses, seldom if ever visited by other messengers of peace, and feeling more freedom themselves, they bring the gospel to many hearts, otherwise, perhaps, inaccessible to its overtures.

2. *Such books as we publish are greatly needed.* There are found Presbyterian ministers and elders who either deny or explain away, or misrepresent the doctrines of original sin, the perseverance of the saints, or others equally essential to a complete gospel scheme. The Catechism has been denounced as unfolding "horrible doctrines," and the Confession of Faith utterly abjured by one, whose office warranted the belief of an attachment to these symbols. Among many the stale and often refuted objection to creeds and confessions is still found vigorously productive of neglect of duty in diligently training children in the knowledge of our form of sound words. Under cover of charity for all religions, is often disguised real indifference to any truth distinctive of divine Revelation from the inconsistent jumble of deistical theories, or the perverse pratings of men of corrupt minds. Indeed, antipathy to the distinguishing doctrines of the Gospel, allied with perversions of truth, made by designing men, constitute the main pillars of ignorance and prejudice which are encountered. Thus, even when religious opinions and sentiments are professed, there is often a sad lack of genuine Christian truth. For refuting error, correcting misrepresentations, removing misconceptions, and eradicating inveterate prejudices, just such books as we publish are needed. The numbers too, who are found with no religious book except the Bible, amounting, as we have seen, to 1603 by last year's investigations, and the number of Presbyterian families, 2340, without a Confession of Faith, admonish us loudly of the necessity for diligently prosecuting our labours.

3. *Our books are well received and increasingly popular.* Of this fact the almost universal testimony of our colporteurs is conclusive. They are not only themselves kindly received, with very rare exceptions, but numerous instances are related of the gratitude with which their gratuities are

welcomed, and the eagerness with which persons of other religious connections lay hold on books setting forth the truths of a common salvation, and often those which explain our peculiar tenets. It is, too, a fact worthy of remembrance, that so far from producing a disrelish for such books as we offer, the labours of others, in distributing works, free from denominational marks, often pave the way for our services, while the second visits of our own colporteurs are almost uniformly even more warmly welcomed than the first, and the demand for their supplies increased rather than diminished.

4. *The denominational character of our publications causes no material hinderance to their circulation.* With few and peculiar exceptions, the testimony of all who have examined this aspect of the enterprise is unvarying to this fact.

It has been often predicted by those who seemed to wish a verification of their predictions, that the denominational series of our publications would be a serious bar to their circulation. It is true that some are found, who, under misapprehensions, at first adduce this as an objection. But such persons, when competent to form a judgment, are easily led to see that it is no more reasonable to object to books on practical piety, because they proceed from our press, than to object to truths of the same character, verbally delivered, because they proceed from our pulpits. We dispose of many of our strictly denominational works to persons of other religious persuasions, who wish candidly and fairly to investigate our positions, and some of our most efficient colporteurs are members of churches not of our connection. There is too, in many parts of our country, a growing confidence in the soundness of our doctrinal system, and the conservative tendencies and stability of our Church order. We record these statements with a double gratification. As Presbyterians, we cannot be otherwise than pleased to find an "open and effectual door" to disseminate the truth, which is according to godliness, and as Christians, we have the opportunity of making others ac-



quainted with our views, as auspicious of results highly conducive to the increase of a true Christian charity among the followers of a common Saviour. The genuine unity is the unity of the Spirit. True charity is the fruit of purity. When Christians shall see eye to eye, understand each other's real sentiments, and discover in how much that is valuable they agree, in how little that is essential they differ, Ephraim shall no more envy Judah, nor Judah vex Ephraim. We have an abiding confidence in the power of simple truth. In the characteristic and true liberality of our Church, we ask freedom for all and favours to none. Error must ultimately fall, if truth be left free to combat its positions.

5. *Benefits resulting from this work.* "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand, for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that." Thus we are taught to cultivate the diligence and faith of the husbandman. It is unnatural that we should be indifferent as to the result of our labours. But yet results do not measure duties. We must labour in the right use of right means, and learn to be contented with the privilege of being co-workers with God. Others may enter in and reap where we are sowing, as we have entered and are reaping where others, before us, have sown. Had Flavel died without ever knowing that any of the seed he had sown had been productive, it might have appeared, to the eye of sight, that he had laboured in vain. Yet we know that long after his dust had mingled with the earth, on a continent separated from England by 3000 miles of ocean, in an unfrequented part of Virginia, God used Flavel's works as the blessed means of decided and permanent religious impressions on the mind of Archibald Alexander. And with this known link in the train, imagination is incompetent to trace the glorious results of this one book of a godly man. Scores of such instances could be mentioned. Men may be bound with fetters and immured in dungeons, but the word of God is not bound. The seed may lie long buried. But when God speaks it into fructifying power, it

waxes into a great tree. During the twelve years of his imprisonment in Bedford jail, Bunyan's preaching was virtually silenced. But bars and grates and dungeons could not bind his Pilgrim, who to our day, in languages Bunyan never knew, as well as in his own, still leads the way for thousands from the City of Destruction, through the Delectable Mountains, across the swelling flood, to the

"Land of pure delight,  
Where saints immortal reign."

Once God, by express revelation, lifted the veil which concealed alike the causes and the results of his providential agencies. He no longer does this to the eye of sight. The unveiled providences of the Scriptures have sufficed to teach confidence in those arrangements, by which he still carries on his great designs. We must walk by faith. Duty is ours, results are his. In the humble confidence that we are co-workers with him in sending out his light and truth, we might then be thankful for the honour put upon us in being counted worthy of such a trust, and made participants in such a work. But he is pleased, in his great goodness, to afford us also, from time to time, the most decided and encouraging evidence that our labours are helping to fill earth with the blessings, and heaven with the glories, of his grace.

By the testimonies of clergymen of our own and other Churches, as well as those of colporteurs, and by the opinions of others, well qualified to judge, we are satisfied that the books of this Board are exerting a most *potent and salutary influence on the religious character of our nation*. This is done, as well by a positive effect in informing men's minds and moving their hearts, as by the indirect, but no less valuable operation of converting wrong tastes and moulding religious thinking to some definite shape. The historical, biographical, and practical works are extending and deepening the impressions of a common Christianity and a common Protestantism, and aiding other influences in fixing upon the hearts of our people the great



principle, that the Christianity of the Bible is the strong defence, as it is the true source, of our civil and religious liberty. It were worth all this Institution has cost, did no other result arise from its services, than such a contribution to the ground works of our Christian civilization and republicanism. As patriots, we rejoice that God has raised up this Institution, to proclaim to every corner of our land, by the united voices of history, biography, Scripture exposition and sound reasoning, the profoundly religious basis on which our glorious fabric of national freedom and power has been erected.

Of actual conversions through the instrumentality of books and tracts, our colporteurs relate numerous pleasing accounts. These suffice to strengthen our faith, that, whether known to us or not, we shall know hereafter that God has blessed the reading of his truth, as well as the preaching, as a "means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort through faith unto salvation." We believe that ascriptions of the glorious work of divine grace, to any special instrumentality exclusively, is, with a few rare exceptions, generally as erroneous in fact, as it is inconsonant with good taste. From the earliest dawns of moral intelligence to the final closing in of the soul with the offers of grace, the subject of God's renewing Spirit is the object of varied instructions, of admonitions, and warnings, and entreaties, flowing from the hearts and lips of tender parents and anxious pastors. The special means which God employs for fixing the impressions of truth with permanence and power, may be very different from those which first awakened interest, and excited concern and inquiry.

Nor should we pass by the special benefits conferred, in the progress of this work, on our own people. The young are led to prefer the Church of their fathers, from intelligent apprehensions of its pure and spiritual character. The wavering are confirmed. The feeble-minded are strengthened. Those who had well nigh succumbed to the pressure of systems presenting the imposing forms of rites and ceremonies, addressed to the sensuous nature, or been allured

by the tempting voices of a faith standing more "in the wisdom of man" than "in the power of God," have had support and strength, derived from the exhibition of the true power of the Gospel, in its combined purity and simplicity. The meagre libraries of our ministers have been replenished, so that, watered themselves, they have more abundantly watered their people with the refreshing streams of the divine word. Our weak churches and destitute neighbourhoods, in which Sabbath-schools have been established, have been supplied with religious reading, calculated to instruct the mind, to warm the affections, and influence the life.

We are greatly encouraged by such results. We feel it to be a privilege to labour at such a fountain of living water, and humbly trust that we are in but the beginning of the days of God's power in using the press as the means of spreading the blessings of salvation through our sin-smitten world. For our rising churches on the Pacific shore, in the waste places of our vast territories, in the wilds of Indian reservations, in the mountains and plains of India, in the dense cities of China; for the crowds of foreigners of every European name and nation, who throng our streets; for the devotees of pagan and baptized pagan superstitions, we are entrusted, as a branch of the Christian Church, with the unsearchable riches of the gospel. We are debtors to Greeks and barbarians, the learned and the unlearned, the wise and the unwise, to impart to them not only a gospel, but the gospel, not only religious knowledge, but Christian truth in all its fulness. And, in the providence of God, we are specially called, in laying the foundations of a permanent Christian civilization, to give a Christian literature which shall mould the minds and hearts of future generations, not only shaping them into the character and fitting them for the duties of Christian citizens, but preparing them to be "fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God."

#### DONATIONS.

As the almoner of the churches, we have made donations of books and tracts to the amount of \$2,358.89. They



have been distributed among the following objects: To Sabbath-schools, 2,535 volumes; to naval and military stations and ships-of-war, 142; to humane institutions, 60; to literary and theological institutions, 226; to ministers, 850; to feeble churches, 1376; to individuals for gratuitous distribution, 1328; total volumes, 6,517, and 381,032 pages of tracts. These donations, of course, are exclusive of those made by colporteurs.

#### LOCAL COLPORTAGE.

Notwithstanding the repeated explanations of the Board, in respect of its policy on the subject of depositories, and the uniform approbation of that policy expressed by the Assembly, the request is still frequently made, from various parts of the country, for supplies of books to be sold on commission, in order to meet the wants of particular communities.

We can readily conceive that such requests proceed from an earnest desire, on the part of those making them, to co-operate in the promotion of this important enterprise.

Were the Board to acquiesce in the proposed change of policy, by granting such requests, its energies would be seriously impaired by the absorption of a very large and unproductive capital scattered over the country. But the benefits desired can be easily realized, without involving such danger to the solvency and efficiency of the Board. Those who have opportunities of distributing our publications in their respective neighbourhoods, whether ministers or laymen, may raise a small fund, to be expended in books, whose sale will replace it for another purchase, and thus the amount at first contributed will become a perpetual means of usefulness. Many have successfully availed themselves of this plan. It may be expanded to suit circumstances. Synods, Presbyteries, churches, and individuals, may thus establish depositories, and place these books within reach of all who desire to procure them, without any charge to the Board, and with no greater outlay themselves than they would ultimately expend on any other plan. The

Board is always prepared to afford every facility for conducting such enterprises, consistent with its responsibilities.

### III. FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

#### REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

The Treasurer's report exhibits a very pleasing increase of receipts, both from sales and contributions, the former amounting to \$6,670.63, and the latter to \$3,678.26; total, \$10,348.89. There has been also an increase of \$2,083.26 in receipts for the Visitor. For stereotyping certain books, \$1,105 have been received, instead of \$35 reported last year. The contributions for distribution of tracts and books has declined \$309.25. The total increase of receipts from all sources amounts to \$12,052.35, which is nearly 14 per cent. compared with the receipts of 1844. It appears that the income of the Board *has been trebled in ten years*, and, indeed, compared with that of 1848, the year in which the colporteur enterprise commenced, the increase has been nearly as great, presenting \$103,544.46, instead of \$38,213.92, or \$65,330.54 increase. Although the enlargement of business and enhancement of the prices of living, have both contributed to increase the expenses of conducting the operations of the institution, by the addition of two officers, and advance in the compensations of some others, yet the ratio of expense to receipts has been but slightly changed, being about 11 *per cent.* against 10 *per cent.* last year. The ratio for 1847 was about 17 *per cent.* With the present organization of the commercial part of the institution, the business performed may be increased at least 50 per cent., still further reducing the ratio. Such increase we earnestly desire, and trust that the enlargement of the colporteur enterprise to something more approximating the demands of the Church and country will soon require it. The unusually large balance in the hands of the Treasurer at the close of the fiscal year, will arrest the attention of the Assembly, and renders an explanation proper. In a commercial concern which always pays cash, it is important



never to anticipate income. Only once in our history have we been obliged to do this for our current business. In the fluctuations of receipts, with a steady monthly drain by disbursement, it must sometimes occur that the treasury will be somewhat depleted, and at others it may have a surplus. During the closing months of the year, our receipts from ordinary sources were unusually large, and the report was made up just a few days before drafts to the amount of one-third of the balance were made on the treasury. Some unavoidable delay in putting to press a large number of works, some of which are costly, has also left in hand a considerable amount of money, which would have been otherwise expended before the year closed. With these explanations and the deductions they imply, the balance would not materially exceed what it is always desirable to have on hand, for the right conduct of business on our plan of operation.

As indicative of a healthy condition of our finances, the Assembly will doubtless regard the statement as highly satisfactory. So well are we persuaded that the institution is commercially prosperous, that the catalogue has been ordered to revision with a view to a reduction of prices of many if not most of the books. It may be added that the prices are hereafter to be uniformly adapted to federal or decimal currency.

#### AGENCIES.

Rev. Mr. Mahan continued in the service of the Board till December. He reports very gratifying evidence of the increasing appreciation in which the plans and operations of the Board are held, by the churches and ecclesiastical bodies which he visited. Ignorance of the character of the institution, and misconceptions of its purpose, or prejudices against it, which have conspired greatly to hinder its usefulness, are yielding to the influence of proper information. Wherever its publications have been made known by colporteurs and others, and its missionary character explained, it has risen in the estimation of the pious and intelligent of

other churches as well as our own. Mr. Mahan urges very wisely, the importance of active efforts on the part of Synods, Presbyteries, and church sessions, in establishing and sustaining plans of systematic benevolence, in whose benefits this Board may participate. Two other agents have been appointed; Rev. J. C. Eastman for the north-western and Kentucky Synods, who has just entered on his work, and Rev. Washington Baird for the Synods south of Virginia and Kentucky, who entered the service April 1st. The Secretary has visited the churches convenient to the office, and has been always cordially received, and prompt and liberal responses have generally been made to his appeals for aid.

#### CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS.

The increase in the contributions to the colporteur fund have been the more gratifying, as the collecting agency has been so limited. For diffusing, extensively, accurate information of our plans and operations, awakening an interest in the missionary aspect of the work, calling forth the services of suitable colporteurs, and procuring contributions from individuals and churches, otherwise inaccessible to our addresses, we must, for a time, employ suitable agents. We greatly desire, however, to avoid the necessity for an expedient which, however confessedly valuable in many of its incidental, as well as direct results, does not fully meet the exigencies it is employed to serve. It is immensely important, both for the prosperity of this and other benevolent enterprises of the Church, and for the right cultivation of the "grace of giving" in the hearts, and its exhibition in the lives of our people, that all our churches, the feeble as well as the wealthy, should be trained under judicious plans of systematic benevolence; and one of the most important services rendered to the Church, by her collecting agents, has been their valuable contribution to effect such training.

Our Church is a divinely constituted missionary society. Her organization, on scriptural principles, adapts her for



all parts of the great work of a depositary and propagator of the truth. By the General Assembly, as the bond of union and representative body of the whole Church, measures may be adopted for conducting the enterprises of Christian benevolence, which will be characterized by unity of plan and uniformity of operation, two of the great elements of efficiency in all schemes which are arranged for the co-operative services of a widely-scattered association. In the number of such measures, those pertaining to the provision of the necessary funds constitute a most important part. As we need no subsidiary organizations to arrange methods of procedure, in the various departments of evangelical effort, so we need none for soliciting the pecuniary aid of our people. In every Synod, Presbytery, and congregation with its session, we have societies already suitably constituted. In every pastor, we have an organ of communication, instructive and admonitory, whose duty, derived alike from the precepts of Scripture, and the arrangements of our polity, requires him to cultivate in the people the "grace of giving."

Should the Assembly see proper, in its wisdom, to take order on this whole subject, we believe the most pleasing results would follow. Let the Presbyteries be affectionately urged to bring the subject of sustaining our Christian enterprises to the attention of their ministers and churches. It is not necessary that elaborate plans and theories should be prepared. Two enactments cover the whole ground: that each minister and session be directed to provide some feasible plan, by which the members of their charges shall be invited to make annual contributions to the objects of Christian benevolence, recognized by the Assembly as worthy of the patronage and support of our churches, and that the Presbytery annually institute the proper inquiry, to ascertain their diligence in the premises. What is thus presented as a desirable method for reaching a result, earnestly sought by all, has been found practicable and efficient in many cases. We cannot expect great or rapid progress to the complete establishment and full working of a general



scheme of systematic benevolence, such as our sister, the Free Church of Scotland, has reached. Our people are scattered. We number many feeble churches. The foundations for the religious institutions of generations have yet to be laid, or firmly cemented. Churches, school-houses, academies, manses, colleges, and theological seminaries, have absorbed much labour and money, and pre-occupied the attention of our people in older parts of the country, and such interests are in whole or in part, in their infancy in others. Still, much has been done. There are now scores of churches which have formed the good habit of annually contributing to our Boards, and are yearly increasing their gifts. The present is an auspicious time for setting our hands to this great work, and bringing to bear on the support of our Christian institutions, those united and efficient energies, which have sustained the principle of ecclesiastical agency in their organization and management. We are at peace, united in faith, in order, and in policy. We are growing in numbers, in wealth, in influence, and in capacities for sustaining our position as the largest Presbyterian Church in the world. We neither ask the wealth of the State, or its political influence, nor do we propose to exercise the power of a civil government in levying or collecting taxes. We only desire that the moral power, entrusted by Christ to the Church for edification, be employed to enlighten the minds and open the hearts of the people, and their purses will not remain closed. We doubt if a pastor can be found, who has ever, unsuccessfully, applied to his people for a contribution to the objects of benevolence commended by our Church.

We have only to add, that to the success of the proposed effort, it is highly important, that the Professors in our Theological Seminaries be directed to give attention to training the future pastors of the Church, with reference to the duty devolving on them to instruct and admonish the people in the exercise of benevolence.

With much diffidence of the propriety of presenting such suggestions, but with an abiding confidence in their sound-



ness, which encourages the hope of a patient hearing and a charitable construction of our motives, we respectfully offer them as accordant with that requisition, which directs us to "submit to the Assembly such measures as shall be deemed useful and necessary" for promoting the great ends of our institution.

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To cash paid for Paper,	\$18,364 43
“ Printing, . . . . .	7,170 64
“ Binding, . . . . .	28,374 06
“ Engraving, . . . . .	1,822 50
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“ Books for the Library, . . . . .	142 45
“ Merchandize, (books) . . . . .	672 89
“ Stationery, . . . . .	98 49
“ Advertising, . . . . .	55 00
“ Boxes, Packing Paper, &c, . . . . .	599 18
“ Postage . . . . .	406 05
“ Insurance . . . . .	495 10
“ Cor. Secretary's Salary and Expenses,	2,197 76
“ Publishing Agent's Salary,	1,733 33
“ Editor's do. . . . .	1,200 00
“ Sup't of Colportage do. . . . .	1,124 97
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“ Clerk's do. . . . .	1,116 80
“ Solicitor's do. . . . .	100 00
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“ Contingent Exp. of Sabbath-School Visitor,*	116 75
“ Colporteurs' Salaries and Expenses . . . . .	18,691 01
“ Water, Light, and Fuel, . . . . .	247 02
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“ Home and Foreign Record, . . . . .	155 38
“ Taxes, . . . . .	505 37
“ Interest, . . . . .	69 00
“ Contingent Expenses, Balance,	317 37
	18,196 50
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By Balance in the Treasury, March 31, 1853, . . . . .	\$7,175 36
By Cash received for Colporteurs' Salaries and Expenses, . . . . .	15,866 27
“ “ Sabbath-School Visitor, . . . . .	6,111 09
“ “ Distribution of Books and Tracts, . . . . .	1,413 75
“ “ Stereotyping certain Books, . . . . .	1,175 00
“ “ Rent of part of Buildings, . . . . .	1,400 00
“ “ Books and Tracts sold, . . . . .	77,648 35
	<u>\$110,719 82</u>

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## A P P E N D I X.

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### RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 1854.

The following resolutions, reported by the Rev. Dr. McMullen, from the Committee on the Report of the Board, excepting the 8th, offered by Rev. Dr. Brownson, were adopted by the Assembly:

1. *Resolved*, That the Assembly recognizes the power of the evangelical press as a powerful and efficient means under God in Christianizing the world.

2. *Resolved*, That the Assembly have learned with peculiar pleasure of the successful operations of the Colporteur enterprise, and commend that subject to the special favour of the churches.

3. *Resolved*, That the Board be directed to have an edition of our music book published with seven characters; and that they also publish an abridged edition of the Psalmodist, for the use of Sabbath Schools, and for family worship, both in round and shaped notes, together with a simple course of instruction for youth; and the Assembly urge upon all the Presbyteries and churches, the necessity of greatly increased efforts in the study of sacred music.

4. *Resolved*, That the Board be directed to have an accurate edition of the Confession of Faith published in the German language, and also such tracts from time to time as they may deem best.

5. *Resolved*, That the Assembly are highly gratified at the financial condition of the Board as exhibited in their Report, and especially at the amount of money which has been raised without formal agency.

6. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Board to inquire whether still greater efficiency cannot be given to the colporteur enterprise, by making some increase in the salaries of the colporteurs.

7. *Resolved*, That the Presbyteries be urged to establish local depositories for the more general diffusion of the books of the Board.

8. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Board to pursue still further the policy of gratuitous distribution to the destitute, so far as may consist with the safety of their financial operations, and for this purpose, to appeal to the liberality of the churches.

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Page 8, line 15th from bottom, for *present* read *purest*.

Page 14, line 10th from bottom, for 100,000 read 150,000.

Page 29, line 19th from top, for *series* read *sources*.

Page 32, line 14th from top, omit the words, "compared with the receipts of 1844."





